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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A computer method for editing a form, comprising:

displaying a hyperlink for an element in the form, to indicate to a user that a control is available for the element;

upon a selection of the hyperlink by the user, presenting the control for user interaction; and

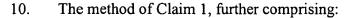
upon completion of user interaction with the control, replacing the element with a new element responsive to user action.

- 10 2. The method of Claim 1, wherein the form is a database query.
 - 3. The method of Claim 1, wherein the form is a spreadsheet.
 - 4. The method of Claim 1, wherein the element is part of a calculation.
 - 5. The method of Claim 1, wherein the element is part of a formula.
 - 6. The method of Claim 1, wherein the control is a list of choices.
- The method of Claim 6, wherein the list of choices is a pull-down menu.
 - 8. The method of Claim 1, wherein the control is a dialog box.
 - 9. The method of Claim 1, wherein the control is a text entry field.

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upon completion of user interaction with the control, replacing the element with a new element responsive to user action, wherein

the control is selected from a group of controls consisting of a list, a dialog box and a text entry field.

11. A computer system for editing a form, comprising:

a user interface for displaying information to a user and for accepting input from the user;

a hyperlink displayed on the user interface for an element in the form, to indicate to the user that a control is available for the element;

upon a selection of the hyperlink by the user, the control displayed on the user interface for user interaction; and

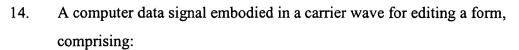
upon completion of user interaction with the control, a new element responsive to user action replacing the element.

- 15 12. The computer system of Claim 11, wherein the control is selected from a group of controls consisting of a list, a dialog box and a text entry field.
 - 13. A computer program product for editing a form, the computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable code thereon, including program code which:
- displays a hyperlink for an element in the form, to indicate to a user that a control is available for the element;

upon a selection of the hyperlink by the user, presents the control for user interaction; and

upon completion of user interaction with the control, replaces the element with a new element responsive to user action.

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a program code segment for displaying a hyperlink for an element in the form, to indicate to a user that a control is available for the element;

a program code segment for presenting, upon a selection of the hyperlink by the user, the control for user interaction; and

a program code segment for replacing, upon completion of user interaction with the control, the element with a new element responsive to user action.